2020 State Legislative Priorities

Development of Parks

- Allow cities to collect park dedication fees for multifamily redevelopment projects
- Support an Edina Local Option Sales Tax

Local Authority

- Eliminate the exemption of Hennepin/Ramsey counties in the Motor Vehicle Lease Sales Tax Allocation
- Preserve utility franchise fees
- · Support municipal liquor operations
- Eliminate city requirements for public notices in newspapers
- Increase City Manager authority to adjust for inflation
- Repeal statutory salary limitation on city employees
- Adopt enabling legislation to allow cities to implement local environmental protection measures

Environment

- Support advanced energy standards for commercial buildings
- Support limited liability for private commercial salt applicators
- Support local environmental public health programs
- Maintain local authority for building energy benchmarking
- Support Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Municipal Grant Program

Transportation

- Support Municipal State Aid (MSA) funding
- Support cities' ability to create street improvement districts
- Support Local Bridge Replacement Program Funding

Public Safety

- Support a bonding request for the South Metro Public Safety Training Facility
- Support funding of fire resources, training and statewide response teams
- Support railroad and hazardous substance safety
- Oppose statutory prohibition of residential fire sprinklers
- Oppose the expansion of retail fireworks sales

Housing

- Protect low- and moderate-income tenants
 - o Tenant protection in affordable housing property ownership change
 - o Eviction expungement reform
- Support regulatory tools for affordable housing
 - o 4d tax classification tax rate program
 - o Land trust tax reduction
 - o Inclusionary zoning ordinances
 - o Affordable housing fee on development
- Create new funding sources for affordable housing
 - o Affordable housing financing bonding authority
 - o Establish revenue resource for affordable housing
 - o Support affordable housing trust funds
 - Tax credit contribution fund
 - o Use of pooled Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) for affordable housing

